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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB Case No. 00-1156)

In re Application of:

Blomme

Serial No.: 09/674,258

Filed: February 2, 2001

For: Suturing Means for Connecting a
Tubular Vascular Prosthesis to a
Blood Vessel in the Body in
Addition to Branch Means, a
Vascular Prosthesis, a Device for
Inserting and Suturing a Vascular
Prosthesis in the Body, and a
Vascular Prosthesis System

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) Group Art Unit: 3765
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) Examiner: Nerbun, P. P.
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) Confirmation No. 5033

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2003. With this three month extension, applicants' response is due by March 10, 2003. The requisite extension fee of \$465.00 accompanies this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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